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For

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONDITIONING COINS

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Examiner

Mark J. Beauchaine

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February 5, 2002

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGE

Sir:

Drawing changes, as indicated in red on the attached drawings, are hereby submitted for approval by the Examiner. Also enclosed are new formal drawings incorporating the changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

Redlined Drawings

15 Sheets Formal Drawings (Figures 1-21)

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Transmitted herewith is a Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 in the above-identified application.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

Applicant has previously claimed small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

A Petition for an Extension of Time for one month is enclosed.

[X] A General Authorization Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) is enclosed.

[X] A Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over Prior Patents is enclosed.

[X] A Request for Approval of Drawing Changes is enclosed.

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AUTHORIZATION FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A)(3)

Sir

With respect to the above-identified application, the Commissioner is authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a)(3) for its timely submission as incorporating a petition therefor for the appropriate length of time. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

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